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1. Ur Chua Lieng\* is called Tao Ker Liew\*\* by most Chinese and Thai who know him well. Ur started his business career as an employee in the Tong Soon Chiang Store. Later, he was employed by a German firm,\*\*\* with which he achieved some degree of success. Following this employment, Ur and a relative, Ur Eiw Chaw (Tao Ker Liu) established the Ur Nguan Kee Store about 1929. Since its founding, the firm of Ur Nguan Kee has been searched twice by Thai Police who suspected it of being a Chinese Communist headquarters. Since these searches, reportedly because of a secret deal between Ur and the Police, subject apparently has never been particularly troubled by the Police.
2. In 1938, Ur was the leader of the prominent Chinese Communists who opposed the policy and actions of the Kuomintang (KMT) leaders in Bangkok. Siew Hoot Seng and Tung Siew Meng. Ur's group, which used the name Siew Junk (Youth League) and met at the headquarters of the Tae Chiew Association, included the following: Tung Keng Chuan, husband of the present owner of the house currently inhabited by the Viet Nam Delegation; Lio Kong Pao; and Hia Kuan Iam, father of Yi Mei-hou.
3. The Siew Junk bought the Chinese newspaper Sec Pao and changed its name to Tong Kok Pao. This group also bought the property and took charge of a number of Chinese schools, including the Sing Chong Hau School, Gong Sid School, and Sin Min School. Reportedly, Communist doctrines were taught in these schools.
4. As a local effort against Japanese aggression in China, Ur organized a Chinese Patriots Party which held secret meetings at the Ur Nguan Kee Store. When the Japanese Army entered Thailand, subject fled to Penang, where he carried on considerable business with the Japanese. The name Ur Chua Lieng often appeared on boxes of Japanese supplies.
5. After the war ended, Ur returned to Thailand. He contacted representatives of the Chinese Government and pleaded not guilty to charges of colla-tora-tion, citing his numerous patriotic works as evidence of his loyalty. Subject also gave substantial presents to influential Chinese officials and succeeded in retaining his business interests. Through the efforts of the Chinese Government, Ur was able to secure the return of business

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holdings in Indochina, which were confiscated by the French. Once re-established in the business world, subject resumed his Communist activities.

6. Ur is reported to be the power behind the Tae Chiew Association and the Chung Yuan Pao (Chinese Daily News).
7. Ur has founded a new firm, Tai Tee, also known as Good Earth. Tai Tee, which is on Silom Road, Bangkok, employs Germans, principally those with whom subject used to work, at salaries reported to range from 5,800 to 6,000 ticals a month. Since his return to Thailand, Ur has also purchased a ship, built by the Japanese Navy in Thailand, from the Thai Government at a reported price of 1,500,000 ticals.
8. After the Thai Police raid of the Communist Tung Pae Chang, Ur went to Hong Kong from where he intended to go to Communist China. However, since he had no facilities for travel and no particular destination in Communist China, he returned to Thailand. In Thailand, Ur has associated intimately with members of the Communist 4 Army, such as Liu Song Choe, Lhee Joe Tong, and Lao Hou Bou.\*\*\*\*
9. Ur, with Prince Chumphot Bariphatra and Tan Yan Kee as partners, is attempting to establish a bank with a planned capitalization of 750,000 ticals. Reportedly, the bank would support Communist interests. Subject was refused permission to establish the South China Sea Bank in Bangkok by the Thai Government.
10. Ur is a long-time associate of LI Chi-shen, leader of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee (KTRC), who is now in Peiping.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. For previous information on Ur Chua Lieng, see [REDACTED]

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Tao Ker Sieng is an expression for "rich Chinese".

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The German firm is identified as "Windsor", which is the name of a business building in Bangkok. Apparently, the German firm was in this building.

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\*\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The reference to the Communist 4 Army is not clear. Possibly it refers to the 4 Army of Ho Lung, which operated in central China and achieved a local reputation equalling that of the much publicized 8 Route Army.

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